

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:


**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for visualizing a network ~~having~~ that includes a plurality of nodes, comprising:

collecting information from at least one of the nodes, the information describing network operation over a period of time;

reconstructing the network operation for the time period from the collected information;  
and

 ~~presenting~~ replaying, for an operator, the ~~reconstructed~~ network operation ~~to an operator~~  
as the network operation occurred during the time period using the reconstructed network  
operation.

Claim 2 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting includes:

obtaining at least one of node status change information, information regarding messages received and transmitted in the network, and link status change information.

Claim 3 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting includes:

obtaining forwarding tables from the nodes.

Claim 4 (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the reconstructing includes:

creating forwarding tables from the collected information.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

comparing the forwarding tables obtained from the nodes to the created forwarding tables; and

measuring routing protocol convergence time based on the comparison.

Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reconstructing includes:

combining information from at least two of the nodes,

sorting the combined information by time, and

reconstructing the network operation using the sorted information.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~presenting~~ replaying includes:

displaying the ~~reconstructed~~ network operation to the operator as an interactive network topology diagram.

Claim 8 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the displaying includes:

providing detailed information regarding the network operation in response to an instruction from the operator.

Claim 9 (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the providing includes:

displaying detailed information regarding one of a node, a link, and a message in the network.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~presenting~~ replaying includes:

displaying the ~~reconstructed~~ network operation to the operator, and  
permitting the operator to manipulate the ~~display~~ displaying of the network operation.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~presenting~~ replaying includes:

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~~replaying the reconstructed network operation over the time period, and~~  
permitting the operator to manipulate the ~~replay operation~~ replaying of the network operation.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the permitting includes:

allowing the operator to at least one of fast forward and rewind the ~~replay operation~~ replaying of the network operation.

Claim 13 (currently amended) A system for visualizing a network ~~having~~ that includes a plurality of nodes, comprising:

means for collecting information from at least one of the nodes, the information describing network operation over a period of time;

means for reconstructing the network operation for the time period from the collected information; and

means for ~~presenting~~ replaying the reconstructed network operation over the time period  
for ~~to~~ an operator.

Claim 14 (currently amended) A system for visualizing a network ~~having~~ that includes a  
plurality of nodes, comprising:

a memory that stores instructions; and

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a processor configured to execute the instructions in the memory to collect information  
from at least one of the nodes, the information describing network operation over a period of  
time, reconstruct the network operation for the time period from the collected information, and  
~~present~~ cause the reconstructed network operation to be displayed, for an operator, as the network  
operation occurred during the time period using the reconstructed network operation ~~to an~~  
~~operator.~~

Claim 15 (original) The system of claim 14, wherein when collecting, the processor is  
configured to obtain at least one of node status change information, information regarding  
messages received and transmitted in the network, and link status change information.

Claim 16 (original) The system of claim 14, wherein when collecting, the processor is  
configured to obtain forwarding tables from the nodes.

Claim 17 (original) The system of claim 16, wherein when reconstructing, the processor is  
configured to create forwarding tables from the collected information.

Claim 18 (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to compare the forwarding tables obtained from the nodes to the created forwarding tables, and measure routing protocol convergence time based on the comparison.

Claim 19 (original) The system of claim 14, wherein when reconstructing, the processor is configured to combine information from at least two of the nodes, sort the combined information by time, and reconstruct the network operation using the sorted information.

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Claim 20 (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein when ~~presenting~~ causing the network operation to be displayed, the processor is configured to ~~display~~ present the reconstructed network operation to the operator as an interactive network topology diagram.

Claim 21 (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein when ~~displaying~~ presenting, the processor is configured to provide detailed information regarding the network operation in response to an instruction from the operator.

Claim 22 (original) The system of claim 21, wherein when providing, the processor is configured to display detailed information regarding one of a node, a link, and a message in the network.

Claim 23 (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein when ~~presenting~~ causing the network operation to be displayed, the processor is configured to ~~display the reconstructed network operation to the operator,~~ and permit the operator to manipulate the ~~display~~ displaying of the network operation.

Claim 24 (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein when ~~presenting~~ causing the network operation to be displayed, the processor is configured to replay the ~~reconstructed~~ network operation over the time period, and permit the operator to manipulate the ~~replay operation~~ replaying of the network operation.

Claim 25 (currently amended) The system of claim 24, wherein when permitting, the processor is configured to allow the operator to at least one of fast forward and rewind the ~~replay operation~~ replaying of the network operation.

Claim 26 (currently amended) A computer-readable medium that stores instructions for causing at least one processor to perform a method for visualizing a network ~~having~~ that includes a plurality of nodes, ~~the method~~ comprising:

instructions for collecting information from at least one of the nodes, the information describing network operation over a period of time;

instructions for reconstructing the network operation for the time period from the collected information; and

instructions for presenting, to an operator, the reconstructed network operation as the network operation evolved over time during the time period using the reconstructed network operation to an operator.

Claim 27 (original) A computer-readable memory device of a node in a network containing a network operations data structure, comprising:

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a first area that stores information regarding node status changes;

a second area that stores information regarding messages received and transmitted by the node; and

a third area that stores information regarding link status changes in the network.

Claim 28 (original) The computer-readable memory device of claim 27, wherein the node status change information includes information regarding state changes of the node and time stamps indicating times corresponding to the state changes.

Claim 29 (original) The computer-readable memory device of claim 27, wherein the message information includes information regarding messages transmitted or received by the node and time stamps indicating times corresponding to the transmission or reception of the messages by the node.

Claim 30 (original) The computer-readable memory device of claim 27, wherein the link status change information includes information regarding attribute changes of a link in the network and time stamps indicating times corresponding to the attribute changes.

Claim 31 (original) The computer-readable memory device of claim 27, further comprising:  
a fourth area that stores a forwarding table for the node.

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Claim 32 (original) An interactive graphical user interface for visualizing a network having a plurality of nodes, comprising:

a network topology diagram configured to display at least some of the nodes, links connecting the nodes, and messages transmitted through the network; and

replay controls that permit an operator to control a replay sequence of the network as the network operates over a period of time.

Claim 33 (original) The graphical user interface of claim 32, wherein the replay controls include controls for performing at least one of a fast forward, a rewind, a step forward, and a step backward of the replay sequence.

Claim 34 (original) A method for visualizing a network having a plurality of nodes, comprising:

recording network events by one or more of the nodes over a period of time;

collecting the recorded events from the nodes;

recreating operation of the network over the time period from the recorded events; and



displaying the recreated network operation.

Claim 35 (original) The method of claim 34, wherein the recording includes:

generating a time stamp for each of the recorded events.

Claim 36 (original) The method of claim 35, wherein the recreating includes:

combining the recorded events from the nodes, and

sorting the recorded events based on the generated time stamps.

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